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Continuation of Markup: "The Transportation Security Administration Reorganization Act"

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WHEN: 10 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon House Office Building

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity will meet to conclude the pending rolled recorded votes for H.R. 4439, the "Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Reorganization Act." The Subcommittee completed debate on all amendments on Thursday, March 9, 2006.

H.R. 4439 is intended to make TSA a more effective and efficient organization serving the American people. Key provisions of the bill include: requiring TSA to create a program to instantaneously pre-screen all international passengers traveling to the U.S.; encouraging state and local governments and federal contractors to compete with TSA to provide airport security; requiring TSA to develop a Vetted Passenger List; and returning the savings from new technologies to the airports, in order to encourage additional spending on advanced technologies and security programs.

Subcommittee Chairman Dan Lungren (R-CA) introduced H.R. 4439 on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005. Subcommittee Chairmen Mike Rogers (R-AL), Dave Reichert (R-WA), Michael McCaul (R-TX), and Rep. Katherine Harris (R-FL) were original co-sponsors of the bill. Text of H.R. 4439 and comprehensive background information are available at http://homeland.house.gov.